

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) According to data available from the National Family Health Survey 1998-99, the percentage of ever married women ages 15—49 years and children under the ages of 3 years, found to have anaemia in the country and in Jammu and Kashmir is as below:

	Ever married Women 15-49 years	Children under the age of 3 Years
India	51.8%	74.3%
J&K	58.7%	71.1%

(b) and (c) Iron deficiency is a problem of inadequate nutrition. A National Nutritional Policy was formulated in 1993 and the national plan of action on nutrition is being implemented through a number of departments of Government of India including, among other, the Integrated Child Development Services Programme of Department of Women and Child Development and the Reproductive and Child Health Programme of the Department of Family Welfare for improving the nutritional status of pregnant women and children.

Under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme implemented throughout the country, pregnant women and children (1-5 years) are provided with Iron and Folic Acid tablets for prophylaxis and treatment of anaemia.

Diploma in Homoeopathic Pharmacy

2834. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for considering to start diploma in Homoeopathic Pharmacy and to establish Homoeopathic Pharmacy Council, for registration of Homoeopathic Pharmacists in the country, like their counterparts, fifty years after independence;

(b) the details of benefits to the Homoeopathic Pharmacists;

(c) whether any representations have been received by Government in this regard so far; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the opinion of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) It has been

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considered necessary to have separate course curriculum and a regulatory Council for Homoeopathic Pharmacy education. It will help pharmacists to acquire knowledge to identify, prepare, standardize, store and dispense medicines. It will also equip them with various laws and regulations pertaining to the system.

(c) and (d) The need for having a separate Council to regulate Pharmacy education for Homoeopathy has been emphasized in Parliament through Questions.

Medical Teachers of CHS

2835. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a Department of Medical Education in the Ministry of Health which decides and controls the pay and perks of medical teachers; and

(b) if so, the reasons why the medical teachers of Teaching Specialist Sub-Cadre of CHS cannot be placed under the same Department of Medical Education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Deficiencies in three private medical colleges

†2836. SHRI SURYABHAN PATILVAHADANE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's reaction to the news-item which appeared in the Times of India, dated the 28th May, 2000 under the caption, "Government report nails three private medical colleges";

(b) whether Government are considering to take any action in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (d) The news

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